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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA PARA: SECTION II

1. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION HERE, DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED NOT TO PURSUE FORMAL INTERAGENCY APPROVAL OF A NEW PARA FOR AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME. APPROVED FY 1974 PARA AND OTHER RECENT POLICY DOCUMENTS PROVIDE US WITH A FIRM ENOUGH POLICY BASIS THAT A NEW INTERAGENCY DOCUMENT DOES NOT SEEM REQUIRED. A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT OR OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN AUSTRALIA WOULD, OF COURSE, REQUIRE US TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE DESIRABILITY OF A NEW PARA FOR INTER-AGENCY CONSIDERATION.

2. ANP HAS AIR POUCHED TO CHARGE OUR PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR SECTION II, WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR GREEN. WE UNDERSTAND THAT EMBASSY HAS BEGUN DRAFTING REMAINDER OF PARA, AND WE WOULD WELCOME RECEIVING EMBASSY SUBMISSION. WE ENVISAGE A DIALOGUE BASED ON THESE TWO DOCUMENTS SO THAT DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY CAN VERIFY THAT THEY CONTINUE TO SEE DEVELOPING U.S. POLICIES TOWARD AUSTRALIA IN SAME WAY.

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3. FYI: WE INTEND TO PURSUE APPROVAL OF THE PAPUA NEW
GUINEA PARA THROUGH REGULAR INTERAGENCY CHANNELS. KISSINGER

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